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In re the Application of: Hans P. Albrecht, et al.

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Converting Enzyme

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This document is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated 23 April 2003 (paper number 33). Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. No Amendments to the Specification or the Drawings are requested. Remarks begin on page 57 of this paper.